

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2623

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By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente for legislation to authorize municipal boards of health to exempt certain bars from the smoking ban. Public Health.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO SMOKING IN BARS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of section 22 of chapter 270 of  
2 the General Laws, as amended by section 2 of chapter 137 of the  
3 acts of 2004, is hereby further amended by adding the following  
4 sentence:—

5 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board of health of a city or  
6 town may grant an exemption from the smoking ban to a bar that  
7 demonstrates a 15 percent loss of business since the imposition of  
8 said ban.